

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ART IBELETO

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Art Ibeleto in commemoration of his substantial contributions to Sonoma County through his remarkable career as the Pasta King.

Art was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 2, 1926, but moved with his family to Sesta Godano, Italy, as a toddler. At age 17, he was drafted into Mussolini's Hitler-propped Republic of Salò Army, but shortly after joining the Army, he made the brave decision to join the Italian resistance and fight against the Fascists and Nazi Germany. Following the end of World War II, Art immigrated to Petaluma, California where he met his wife, Vicki Ghiradelli Ibeleto, and worked as a farmer, a mechanic, a truck driver, and a factory worker.

In 1961, Art purchased land in Sonoma County where he and his wife started building their business empire with a Christmas tree farm. In 1974, Art created the Spaghetti Palace as a booth at the Sonoma County Fair as a United Lodges, Sons of Italy project. As his booth grew in popularity, Art started building other businesses including a catering and freezer-case foods company, vineyards to grow premium wine grapes, and Art's Place, a popular Italian restaurant in Rohnert Park. As a restaurateur, Art gained notoriety for his savory dishes. He was dubbed the "Pasta King" by journalist Bill Soberanes and became known by that title for the rest of his career.

Art's contributions to the Sonoma County community extended beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors. Over multiple decades, Art held benefit pasta feeds that brought the community together to raise money for charitable, educational, and civil causes. Furthermore, Art co-founded the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and served as state president of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. For his contributions to the community, Art won a number of local, state, and congressional awards, including Representative MIKE THOMPSON's Fifth Congressional District American Dream Award in 2017, and a lifetime achievement award from Senator Mike McGuire in 2018. In 2021, I introduced a bill to rename the Cotati Post Office after Art to honor his contributions to the Sonoma County community. The bill was passed through the House Oversight Committee and was reported out of the Committee on June 29.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Art's innovative entrepreneurship and selfless service made a profound impact on Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor the outstanding service of Christopher Williams, who retires this week after 30 years as a public servant at the Congressional Budget Office.

Christopher Williams joined CBO in 1991. He has served for many years as a principal analyst in the Macroeconomic Analysis Division. In that capacity, he played a pivotal role in producing and describing CBO's economic projections. Christopher developed and maintained the econometric model used to produce those projections and, later in his tenure, he took primary responsibility for generating and explaining CBO's projections of consumer spending and the components of national income. Christopher contributed regularly to CBO's annual reports, including The Budget and Economic Outlook, and worked on numerous CBO studies, which covered topics ranging from national health expenditures to the effect of foreign aid in economic development and the effects of tax policy on labor markets.

By all accounts, Christopher's colleagues at CBO appreciate his dedication, dependability, collaboration, and breadth of experience. They will miss his generosity with his time and knowledge and, especially, his kindness.

I know my colleagues will join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Christopher for his service to our country. We wish him well in his future endeavors and hope that the Nation will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN TODD D. MOORE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend Captain Todd D. Moore for his time as the Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine Base New London. After two and a half years of diligent service as the 52nd Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London located in Groton, Connecticut, Captain Moore turned over his command to Captain Kenneth M. Curtin, Jr. on September 24, 2021 at a Change of Command ceremony on the base with family, friends, and colleagues in attendance. Although his time as the Commanding Officer at Naval Submarine Base New London has concluded, Captain Moore's legacy with the U.S. submarine Force will live on as an impressive example of leadership during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Native to Willoughby Hill, Ohio, Captain Moore was quick to expand his horizons and achieve an education that spanned multiple states. He graduated from New York's Hamilton College summa cum laude with degrees in Physics and Classical Studies. From there, he enriched his military career path with a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College. It is worth noting Captain Moore carried on the values of education throughout his career and the betterment of his naval service with his participation and completion of an advanced, joint warfare training at the Joint Forces Staff College's Joint and Combined War-fighting School in 2007.

Armed with a qualified educational background, Captain Moore was of course already on his way to a decorated and accomplished naval career prior to his time as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. He completed three deployments in the Indo-Pacific as a division officer aboard the USS *Pasadena*, as the Combat Systems Officer aboard the USS *Asheville*, and as the Executive Officer about the USS *Georgia*. He went on to serve as Commanding Officer of both the USS *New Mexico* and more recently the USS *Montpelier* immediately prior to his service as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. In his time in Command of the USS *New Mexico*, Captain Moore conducted the very first Virginia-class submarine surfacing at the North Pole and successfully completed a Northern Atlantic deployment.

Captain Moore served our nation in a wide range of capacities both on land and at sea. On the international front, Captain Moore played a role as the United Nations' Military Observer for the UN's peacekeeping mission in the Western Sahara, known as MINURSO. Notably, Captain Moore further directed his service toward our national security apparatus as branch chief in the Capability and Resource Integration Directorate at U.S. Strategic Command. Here in eastern Connecticut, Moore also spent time as the lead tactics instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. Captain Moore continued his example of service as a Deputy on the staffs of Submarine Squadron Twelve and Four and as a Prospective Commanding Officer and Intermediate Leadership Course instructor for the Naval Leadership & Ethics Center.

Since 2019, Commanding Officer Moore has played an effective and crucial role as the man-in-charge of SUBASE New London. In his time as Commanding Officer for SUBASE New London, Captain Moore pursued campaigns to meaningfully connect with the naval community. This pursuit paid huge dividends when his stewardship of the base turned itself on its head with the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic employing his down to earth "nuts and bolts" leadership style, Captain Moore led his community through the worst of the pandemic, setting a nationwide example for morale and public health with the base achieving the highest vaccination rates among all Navy

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installations, at home and abroad. In doing so, Captain Moore maintained the essential day-to-day mission of the base, keeping sailors trained and ever improving upon their mission of combat readiness. The 15 attack submarines stationed in Groton still kept a high tempo of deployments and did not miss one single day of schedule due to the pandemic.

Captain Moore never ceased his work to better the community on SUBASE New London via his connection to the families and childcare on the naval base. During his command, he oversaw the opening of the only United Service Organizations center in Connecticut which will continue to help provide much-needed resources and relief for the servicemembers and families of SUBASE New London. For all his efforts in his two and a half years of command, it is no surprise that the men and women at Naval Submarine Base New London will remember Captain Moore as he is—a devoted, enduring, and passionate leader.

Madam Speaker, I have had the honor to represent the Town of Groton and the servicemembers on SUBASE New London for many years in Congress, and as such, I have seen firsthand Captain Moore's dedicated work. As he turns over his command of SUBASE New London, Captain Moore will continue to work on the base with the Undersea Warfighting Development Center to help decide future investment priorities for the submarine force. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating and thanking Captain Todd D. Moore on a long history of service to our country, and further wishing himself, his wife Carrie and two children the best in this new chapter for their family.

MARIE BEELER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Beeler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year Award.

This award is given to a member of the community who has displayed outstanding leadership and a passion for helping those around them. Marie has been described as a local hero, someone who sees the good in people, and who is able to recognize the issues facing her community and tackle them head on.

Through her work with HOPE (Help Our People Eat), Arvada High School, Severe Weather Network, migrant ministry, Hope House and a variety of other causes and organizations, she has helped feed thousands of Coloradans in need. She personally hauls loads of canned goods, backpacks full of school supplies and other heavy items in and out of her truck. Her passion comes from a deep belief that a child is only able to learn when he/she fed and alert. Enabling children to learn will ensure they get an education which will lead to a good-paying job and success beyond the classroom. Marie has continuously served as the voice and a champion for those who need it most—the disenfranchised, the poor, or the minority—across Arvada.

Congratulations to Marie Beeler for receiving the Woman of the Year Award. Her hard work, compassion and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

HONORING GEORGE M. TABER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George M. Taber for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born and raised in Riverside, California, in 1942, Mr. Taber attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in 1960. He then graduated from Georgetown University in 1964 where he received his BA in Political Science. One year later, Mr. Taber attained his Degree in European Studies while attending the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Although he never moved back to California, he reconnected with his Californian roots after writing his article on the 1976 Judgement of Paris, an event that showcased California's finest wines in competition with top wines from France. At this event, Napa Valley Wineries took first prize for both their red and white wines. He was the only reporter who covered this event that forever changed California's standing in the wine community and attracted world-wide attention. The influence of Mr. Taber's reporting was so influential that the San Francisco Chronicle deemed his article as "the most significant news story ever written about wine."

As a hard-working and dedicated journalist, Mr. Taber dedicated 21 years of his life as a reporter and editor with TIME Magazine based in Bonn, Germany; Paris, France; Houston, Texas; and New York. With his growing love for wine, he went on to write several books, including "Judgment of Paris: California vs. France and the Historic 1976 Paris Tasting That Revolutionized Wine" and "To Cork or Not to Cork," which won the Jane Grigson Award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals. This award is given to those who have demonstrated distinguished scholarship and research into cookbooks. Mr. Taber was also a finalist for the James Beard Award for best book on wine and alcohol and the Andrew Simon Award for best wine book.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Taber's exemplary journalism has brought great prosperity to California's wine community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SHERIFF RON SEALS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Ron Seals, a beloved Sheriff and dedicated public servant of Sevier County, Tennessee. Mr. Seals is currently the Sheriff of Sevier County in beautiful East Tennessee, having served the citizens for forty-

nine years in a law enforcement career that has spanned six decades.

In 2007, he was appointed Sheriff and he ran for and was elected Sheriff to fill the remaining term of Sheriff Bruce Montgomery. He subsequently won elections in 2008, 2010, 2014, and 2018. He was named "Sheriff of the Year" in 2012, an honor bestowed upon him by the other 94 Sheriffs in the State of Tennessee. A Sevier County native, he graduated from Sevier County High School and then graduated from Walters State Community College with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. Over his career, he has worked as a dispatcher, corrections officer, a police officer in the Patrol Division, a Sergeant in the Patrol Division, Assistant Chief of a Police Department, Chief Deputy and Deputy Chief of Administration.

In 2014, he was recognized by Walters State Community College with the Distinguished Alumni Civic Achievement Award for his service with WSCC and the Sevier County community. He has been recognized by the Humane Society of the United States and was given the Humane Law Enforcement Award for leadership in combating illegal animal abuse. He is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Sevier, and a member of the Scottish Rite and the Kerbel Shriners. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police-Smoky Mountain Lodge No. 31 and the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Smoky Mountain Chapter. In 2014 the Sevier County Sheriff's office received accreditation with the State of Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program. He created a professional records division, served as part of the design team for the Sevier County jail that opened in 1991 and managed the main jail expansion in 2002.

His legacy of love includes being married to his wife, Wanda. He says, "I am blessed beyond measure to serve in what I believe to be the finest place on earth."

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Ron Seals, has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and has served the citizens of Sevier County with honor and integrity and I proudly honor him.

HONORING JONI THORNTON AND
NICOLE MORTENSON AS IOWANS
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two dedicated leaders for mental health and suicide prevention in our community—Joni Thornton and Nicole Mortenson. Joni and Nicole are co-chairs of the Out of the Darkness Central Iowa Walk. The annual walk is part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa and helps raise awareness for suicide prevention and mental health in the community.

Joni and Nicole led a very successful walk in Ankeny on September 19. Hundreds of Iowans gathered at the DMACC campus to share hope for families affected by suicide. The event also featured a virtual memorial wall on Facebook to honor the lives lost to suicide in the past year.